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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the population of India is likely to cross population of China and thus resulting in shortage of power, drinking water, accommodation in major metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to tackle such situation;

(c) whether the Government propose to depute team of experts to study the manner in which China is coping with the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a): As per projections of United Nations total population of India in 2045 will be 1.501 billion and that of China will be

1.496 billion. It is also estimated that 48% of the total population will reside in urban settlements which will certainly strain the existing infrastructure of the metropolitan cities.

(b): `Urban Development` being a State subject, urban infrastructure development and provision of civic amenities to the major metropolitan cities rest with the concerned State Governments. Such projects are formulated, funded and executed by the State Governments themselves. Central assistance is given to the State Governments to supplement their efforts. Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) has been launched by the Central Government on 3.12.2005 for providing reforms linked Central assistance to selected 63 cities including all major metropolitan cities in the country.

(c): There has been no such proposal so far.

(d): Does not arise.